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| For: | METHOD AND PLANT FOR THE HOT ROLLING OF RAILS |)) | | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified United States National Phase patent application, please amend as follows: